



Substitute Senate Bill No. 898

Public Act No. 05-157

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46a-13l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) There is established a child fatality review panel composed of [seven] thirteen permanent members as follows: [A] The Child Advocate, or a designee; the Commissioners of Children and Families, Public Health and Public Safety, or their designees; the Chief Medical Examiner, or a designee; the Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; a pediatrician, appointed by the Governor; a representative of law enforcement, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; [the Child Advocate, or a designee; a public child welfare practitioner] an attorney, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; a social work professional, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; a representative of a community service group appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; [a medical examiner] a psychologist, appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; and an injury prevention representative, appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. [; and the Chief State's Attorney, or a

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designee.] A majority of the panel may select not more than [two] three additional temporary members with particular expertise or interest to serve on the [review of a specific fatality] panel. Such temporary members shall have the same duties and powers as the permanent members of the panel. The chairperson shall be elected from among the panel's permanent members. The panel shall, to the greatest extent possible, reflect the ethnic, cultural and geographic diversity of the state.

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